

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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A	US 2003/108146 A1 (MALAMUD GABRIEL) 12 June 2003 (2003-06-12) figures 5,7 -----	1-18,31
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1. claims: 1-18, 31

A computed tomography imaging system including a rotating gantry, a first radiation source, a second radiation source being angularly spaced around the gantry from the first radiation source, a first radiation detector, a center of which being angularly spaced around the gantry from the first radiation source by less than 180 °, a second radiation detector, a center of which being angularly spaced around the gantry from the first radiation source by less than 180 °, a reconstruction processor and a method of using such a system.

2. claims: 19-30

A computed tomography imaging system including a rotating gantry, a first radiation source, a first radiation detector array including a high resolution portion and a low resolution portion, a reconstruction processor and a method of using such a system.

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